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Re: Docket 98P-0203/CP

Dear FDA,

Please grant the petition filed under docket #98P-0203/CP to ban forced molting of birds. I witnessed the forced molting of chickens at a factory farm in Maryland last year, and it was cruel beyond imagination. The birds were starving to death in cages. Some were trying to peck other chickens (cannibalism) but their beaks had been cut off so they were not able to satisfy their hunger that way. Others were lying down, waiting to die. Still others were dead and still in the cages.

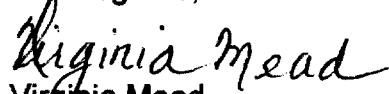
Is this the kind of people we want to be? Is the practice of forced molting helping to produce products that are safe for the public? What about the higher incidence of *salmonella* enteritidis infection among chickens who have been factory farmed and forced to molt?

Who stands to gain from forced molting? Those who make money in the factory farm industry—and they make it at the expense of innocent animals and people. Who stands to lose? You, me, and the public at large.

Please ban forced molting and help us live healthier lives.

Thank you for your serious consideration of this issue.

Best regards,


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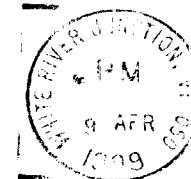
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